

MAY FREE THE BOY. CAPRINI GIVES OUT A HINT.

Justice Ingraham's Delay Thought Favorable to Little Joe.

Decision on the Habeas Corpus Case Has Been Held Back a Week.

Recent Events That Have Angered Citizens at the Gerry Society.

The fate of little Joe Mitchell is still undecided. Justice Ingraham, before whom the application for discharge under a writ of habeas corpus, on which the child was compelled to be produced in court by the Gerry society, was argued in Supreme Court Chambers last Monday, has not yet handed down his decision.

Lawyers familiar with cases of this kind say that the justice's delay in rendering his decision portends well for little Joe, as it implies that there must be, to say the least, a doubt in his mind as to the lawfulness of the society's claims. Says one of these lawyers: "It is a fundamental maxim of law that the prisoner shall always enjoy the benefit of such a doubt."

In the mean while, the parents, Peter and Sebastian Mitchell, of 242 Elizabeth street, are rocking themselves in the hope that the laws of a civilized community could never have been devised with the cruel intent of separating a child from its parents for fifteen years, for absolutely no reason on their part, and only a trifling escape on the part of the irresponsible six-year-old child.

"If there be such a law," said the same lawyer, "I cannot believe that any court would frame its decisions according to the letter of it, but would be guided by its spirit. For surely no just legislator could ever have intended to maintain such a monstrous wrong as Mr. Gerry is trying to perpetuate upon the poor Mitchell."

The Gerry Society has lost much ground in the respect and confidence of the public by its course in connection with the case of little Joe. From all sides come letters thanking and congratulating this Eversio Woman for its efforts to vindicate the rights of the child's poor parents. The action of many organizations attests the interest with which the proceedings are watched by every parent of small children in New York city.

The Executive Committee of the Little Joe Alliance, as a protest against the action of the society, has adopted a resolution "that the charters of all societies of private individuals or corporations which assume to usurp the functions of the lawfully constituted authorities should be annulled."

Mr. John G. Boyd, in whose office the meeting took place, said that this resolution was adopted by the Gerry society, and that the Gerry society, in turn, has adopted a resolution "that the charters of all societies of private individuals or corporations which assume to usurp the functions of the lawfully constituted authorities should be annulled."

Those who believed so were quickly disabused by two fresh acts of the Gerry society's agents. One of these cases was that of August Miller, of 100 West 10th street, who was charged with stealing blankets from a cab. The boy's mother, Mrs. Miller, had been arrested and was in the hospital, and the justice had been asked to issue a writ of habeas corpus for the boy.

The other case was that of the eleven-year-old daughter of a man named Bartolucci, of 217 1/2 Second avenue, for which crime the father had been arrested and was in the hospital. It was this latter case that particularly incensed the Central Labor Union, of which Joe is a member.

COL. OLIVER A CANDIDATE.

For Police Justice in Place of the Late Daniel O'Reilly.

Col. James Oliver, of the Second District, who is the State Senate Librarian and was Sergeant-at-Arms of the Democratic National Committee during the late campaign, has formally announced himself a candidate for Police Justice in place of the late Daniel O'Reilly.

His application, which has been handed to Mayor-elect Gilroy, is endorsed by President-elect Cleveland, Gov. Flower, John T. Agnew, Recorder Smyth, Benjamin Wood and David Dudley Field. The latter has written a personal letter commending Col. Oliver.

The Tammany Committee of Thirty will meet late this afternoon to fix a date for the primaries. It is said that a day in the week between Christmas and New Year's will be decided on.

Charles H. De Forest, Clerk of the Assembly, is in the city. He declares that he is a candidate for the place of Col. Charles L. Sullivan, of the Senate, but is a candidate for reelection in the Assembly.

A gentleman very close to Democratic State Chairman Edward Murphy, Jr., said this morning that Mr. Murphy had received voluntary letters from every Democratic Senator and Assemblyman in New York and Kings counties with the exception of three, pledging to him their support for Mayor-elect Gilroy.

SENATOR OSBORNE FREE.

Formally Discharged on the Complaint of Illegally Registering.

United States Commissioner Shields this morning rendered decision in the case of Senator Edward B. Osborne, who was charged with illegally registering from the Nelson House in roughskape.

The Commissioner said that there was no evidence of intent on the part of the defendant to fraudulently register, and there was no proof to show that he intended to register or vote illegally. He therefore discharged the defendant.

Beichstag May Be Dissolved if the Army Bill Fails.

Another British Conservative Unseated—General Cable News.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—The Reichstag today began the debate on the first reading of the Army Bill. The War Ministers of Prussia, Bavaria, Saxony and Wurttemberg were present in the House.

Major von Holzingen-Heune, speaking for the Centre party, announced that that party was willing to concede the two-year service system, but was not prepared to increase the standing army.

The bill was the peace footing of the German army, including privates and corporals, on a yearly average of 497,000 men from Oct. 1, 1903, to March 31, 1909.

The infantry will be composed of 711 battalions, the cavalry of 477 squadrons, the field artillery of 104 batteries, the foot artillery of 37 battalions, the engineers of 24 battalions, the railway troops of 7 battalions and the train of 31 battalions.

Chancellor von Caprivi made a speech today in which he urged that the Government was determined to dissolve the Reichstag unless the bill was passed.

She Repeats Him for Beating His Donkey and Forgives His Abuse.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Princess Mary, who was betrothed to the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale, was driving in Hammersmith yesterday when she came upon a coster who was beating his donkey in a most cruel manner.

She ordered her coachman to stop, and directed her footman to deprive the coster of the stick with which he was beating his animal. The Princess scolded the coster, but was greeted with abuse of the lowest kind.

The man demanded the name of the woman who had dared to interfere with what he considered his rights, and begged pardon in a most humble way when he learned that he had been abusing one who is universally loved for her generosity to the poor.

The Princess forgave him and then lectured him on his cruelty. The police would have arrested the man had it not been for the intervention of Princess Mary, who also asked them not to report the insults the man had offered her.

Received at Windsor Castle—Movements of British Royalties.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—A large party assembled at Windsor Castle today to greet Crown Prince Ferdinand of Roumania, who arrived yesterday afternoon at Windsor.

In the party were the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, the Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise, Hon. Charles Robert Spencer, M. P., youngest son of the Earl of Spencer, and a large number of other guests.

The Earl of Devonport will go to Sandringham House on a visit to the Prince and Princess of Wales to-night and will remain until Tuesday.

On Thursday the Duchess of Edinburgh and Princess Marie will start for Birmingham, and on Friday will start for London.

Another Conservative Out.

Horatio Davies Not an English M. P. Just Now.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The unseating of members of Parliament returned at the last general election, goes mostly on, much to the satisfaction of the Liberal party, and the corresponding disgust and chagrin of the Conservatives.

The latest member to lose his seat is Horatio Davies, Conservative, who was returned from Rochester by a majority of 407 votes over Mr. Frederic Brunning Maddison, Liberal.

The Liberal seat in a petition under the Corrupt Practices act against the election of Mr. Davies, and the Election Petition Judges today handed down a decision depriving him of his seat on the ground of bribery, which consisted of treating electors.

May Pardon M. Drumont.

In Order that He May Testify in the Panama Canal Cases.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—It is reported that M. Bourgeois, Minister of Justice, will pardon M. Drumont, editor of *La Libre Parole*, who is serving a term of imprisonment for libel, with a view to having him appear as a witness before the Panama Investigating Committee.

M. Drumont has refused to give any testimony relative to the Panama affair unless he is unconditionally released.

THE DAY IN WALL STREET. OUR THEATRES NEXT WEEK.

Gould Stocks Active and Western Union 4 1/2 Higher.

Sales to Take Profits Fall to Turn at the Bull Tide.

WALL STREET, Saturday, Dec. 10.—The bulls, who have been working up sentiment in favor of their side for some days past, closed the week's operations in a perfect blaze of glory.

No such activity or general advance has been witnessed on a Saturday for months. It was in fact a regular bear rout, short contracts having been covered which had been outstanding for a long time and which were originally placed at very low prices.

The Gould shares were again the great feature, and heavy purchases were made on the current talk about the probable advent of representatives of the Vanderbilts into the Western Union and Manhattan Elevated Railroad directories and of a deal whereby the Metropolitan Traction Company will also have a voice in the Manhattan Elevated.

Now far the negotiations have progressed it is difficult to say, but that there will shortly be developments of an important character is the firm conviction of some of the best informed buyers of the market.

At intervals there were reactions of 1 to 1 1/2 per cent. The American Express shares were within a fraction of the best prices of the day and week.

Naturally there were heavy realizations, but the market took the offerings well and invariably started on the up tick again. The Erie Railroad shares were particularly active, jumping from 41 to 42 1/2. The dealings reached the large total of 200,000 shares, of which 100,000 were Erie.

George A. Magoun, Chairman of the Atchafalpa Finance Committee, says that the bank statement showed a decrease in revenue of \$200,000, and that the amount held in excess of legal requirements was \$3,500,000.

The Erie stock showed a decrease in loans of \$500,000, a loss in cash of \$1,337,700 and a decrease in deposits of \$1,112,000.

The following are the comparative figures: American Cable, 100 1/2, 101 1/2, 102 1/2, 103 1/2, 104 1/2, 105 1/2, 106 1/2, 107 1/2, 108 1/2, 109 1/2, 110 1/2, 111 1/2, 112 1/2, 113 1/2, 114 1/2, 115 1/2, 116 1/2, 117 1/2, 118 1/2, 119 1/2, 120 1/2, 121 1/2, 122 1/2, 123 1/2, 124 1/2, 125 1/2, 126 1/2, 127 1/2, 128 1/2, 129 1/2, 130 1/2, 131 1/2, 132 1/2, 133 1/2, 134 1/2, 135 1/2, 136 1/2, 137 1/2, 138 1/2, 139 1/2, 140 1/2, 141 1/2, 142 1/2, 143 1/2, 144 1/2, 145 1/2, 146 1/2, 147 1/2, 148 1/2, 149 1/2, 150 1/2, 151 1/2, 152 1/2, 153 1/2, 154 1/2, 155 1/2, 156 1/2, 157 1/2, 158 1/2, 159 1/2, 160 1/2, 161 1/2, 162 1/2, 163 1/2, 164 1/2, 165 1/2, 166 1/2, 167 1/2, 168 1/2, 169 1/2, 170 1/2, 171 1/2, 172 1/2, 173 1/2, 174 1/2, 175 1/2, 176 1/2, 177 1/2, 178 1/2, 179 1/2, 180 1/2, 181 1/2, 182 1/2, 183 1/2, 184 1/2, 185 1/2, 186 1/2, 187 1/2, 188 1/2, 189 1/2, 190 1/2, 191 1/2, 192 1/2, 193 1/2, 194 1/2, 195 1/2, 196 1/2, 197 1/2, 198 1/2, 199 1/2, 200 1/2, 201 1/2, 202 1/2, 203 1/2, 204 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